

**COMMISSIONER PAUL NEWMAN
ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**



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Commissioner Paul Newman Requests Veto of HB2789

I am writing to encourage Governor Brewer to veto HB2789/Striker, which cedes the Arizona Corporation Commission's authority to the Legislature.

Attorneys from both the Legislature and the Commission have found the bill unconstitutional, and as a former legislator, county supervisor and attorney for 25 years, I agree. The law is well-settled that a legislative body cannot overturn the constitution, specifically Article 15.

Only a constitutional amendment can change the Commission's independent authority. A long line of Goldwater Institute cases found that Arizona's Renewable Energy Standard is within the Commission's ratemaking purview.

But enough legalese. The bottom line is that we are creating unnecessary chaos, and sending a bad message to the rest of the world: the sunniest state in the U.S. wants to add roadblocks to solar.

Let's look on the bright side. The U.S. solar industry grew over 100% last year, and Arizona now employs 16,000 people in clean energy with an overall value of \$2 billion.

Please, Governor Brewer, veto this bill.

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